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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claim 1

Add claim 24

Claim 2, line 1, change "1" to read -- 24 --.

Claim 2, line 2, after "together" insert -- and transfer forces between segments --.

Claim 6, line 1, change "1" to read -- 24 --.

Claim 12, line 1, change "1" to read -- 24 --.

Claim 13, line 1, change "1" to read -- 24 --.